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WAUKESHA COUNTY ALLOCATED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDING

Projects awarded money to assist in rehabilitation after flood damage

Waukesha, WIS. – County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today that Waukesha County has been allocated \$4,380,000 by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to provide residents and municipalities with money to supplement the cost to rebuild facilities damaged or destroyed by flooding. Of the 29 municipal projects submitted, 5 projects received funding and additional dollars were allocated from the Department of Commerce for general residential rehabilitation.

The five projects include the City of Oconomowoc Community Center (\$506,000), the Town of Mukwonago pump station (\$506,000), City of Waukesha property acquisition/demolition (\$406,000), City of Pewaukee road drainage (\$256,000) and Town of Summit lake outlet (\$506,000). In addition to the dollars allocated for the municipal specific projects, \$2.2 million has been awarded for individual residential rehabilitation projects. Projects qualifying for this money must be flood damaged homes with home repairs either underfunded or unfunded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Projects include, but are not limited to: furnace and/or water heater replacement, foundation repairs and mold removal.

Waukesha County Community Development (CDBG) will establish a program to determine which of the over 600 applicants for funding will receive a portion of the allocated money. Priority will be given to low and moderate income level homeowners.

“These dollars are greatly appreciated during this time of need,” said County Executive Dan Vrakas. “Though these projects will not be fully funded, we will work with municipalities to determine if these projects are possible.”

A year ago this month Waukesha County suffered severe rains and flooding causing incredible damage to public infrastructure, homes and businesses. This money provides an opportunity for municipalities and homeowners to relinquish some of the financial burdens due to flooding last year.

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